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Governor Colyer Announces Convenient Access to Vital Records Through New Mobile App

KDHE Latest Agency to Ease Public Access to Important Records

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A quick, convenient and official way to order vital records.

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Available on Google Play and the App Store.

Governor Jeff Colyer and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) recently announced that Vital Statistics certified records are now available through the State of Kansas' iKan app. The application allows residents to request birth, marriage, divorce and death

certificates from their computer or mobile device, eliminating the need to visit a physical office in person.

In March, Governor Colyer introduced the iKan app to allow users to interact with multiple State services in a single self-service, intuitive experience from their mobile phones, tablets and computers. At the initial launch, the app allowed Kansas residents to remotely renew their vehicle registration. The app, which now includes Vital Statistics records, makes it easy to request official documents from anywhere with an internet connection and using technology most people carry with them everywhere.

"In today's rapidly changing world, it is becoming increasingly important that we ensure government keeps pace with innovation and that we are taking advantage of technology to provide the best possible experience to those we serve. By quickly giving Kansans access to this important information, we are taking steps to do just that," said Governor Colyer. "I'm excited to add another State agency to the list of iKan participants."

Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Secretary Jeff Andersen, added "iKan has already partnered with State government to facilitate vehicle registrations and other services. Today's announcement is great news for Kansas and will make obtaining vital records much easier, while also decreasing lines and wait times in government offices."

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KIC Module Updates with CY2017 Information

By Jeanne Jones, Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, KDHE

The Kansas Information for Communities (KIC) website query tool, for many years now, has been a means for community groups, medical students, local health departments, and more, to access vital statistics information pertaining to pregnancy, birth, death, hospital discharge (Diagnosis & Procedure), cancer and population. Also, available in the system are multiple resources regarding other public health information. There are seven modules in the system as previously mentioned, which are updated annually.

At this time, the modules for Death, Birth, Hospital Discharge – Diagnosis, Hospital Discharge – Procedure, and Population were updated with CY 2017 vital statistical information and are ready for querying and reviewing. The KIC query tool can be found at <http://kic.kdheks.gov/>. The module of interest can be selected from the home page.

School Inspections Resources Available on KDHE Website

by the Local Public Health Program, KDHE

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment website has a School Inspections for Local Health Departments webpage with a number of resources to assist local health departments in fulfilling the statutory requirement for conducting annual school sanitary inspections. K.S.A. 65-202 requires that the local health officer of each county "shall upon the opening of the fall term of school, make or have made a sanitary inspection of each school building and grounds, and shall make or have made such additional inspections thereof as are necessary to protect the public health of the students of the school." The duty of the local health officer to conduct a sanitary inspection of each school building is a clear mandate. It requires a sanitary inspection and such additional inspections of the building and grounds to protect the public health of students. Each local health officer has discretion to determine what specific sanitary issues the local health officer should look for during this inspection.

View the [webpage](#) for a number of [resources](#) including the statute for school inspections, checklists used by Kansas local health departments when conducting school inspections, guidelines used by local health departments, reports, manuals, and national resources.

Governor Colyer Announces Convenient Access to Vital Records Through New Mobile App Cont.

iKan is made available through Paylt, a Midwest-based technology firm specializing in the simplification of government transactions across the country including taxes, utilities, and court records as part of their cloud-based platform. Paylt has provided the myKTag app for the Kansas Turnpike since 2014.

Once a Vital Statistics record is requested using iKan, depending on the delivery method selected, the requestor will be notified by text when the record is available for pick up or have it delivered within seven to 10 business days. Cost for a record and processing fee through the app is \$20. To download the app, search "iKan State of Kansas" on your iPhone and Android devices.

Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Webinar



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) hosts a Population Health and Preparedness Statewide webinar on the

fourth Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. The next webinar will be Sept. 25. To view minutes from the monthly calls, click the KDHE logo.

Regional Public Health Meeting

by Teri Caudle, RN, PHN, Local Public Health Program, Bureau of Community Health Systems, KDHE



The Regional Public Health Meetings are designed to connect local health departments with programs and best practices that will benefit the work you do within your communities. The agenda for the fourth quarter meetings will have three presentations, including the following: *KDHE Bureau of Family Health (BFH) Highlights*, Rachel Sisson, BFH Director, Sarah Fischer, Director of Children and Families or Kelli Mark, BFH's Maternal and Child Health Program Consultant; *Medicaid Policy Process: Overview for Local Health Departments*, Kasey Sorell, Clinical Initiatives Nurse, KDHE Division of Health Care Finance; and *Kansas Immunization Program Updates*, Phil Griffin, Deputy Directory, Bureau of Disease Control and Prevention (BDPC)

and Allison Alejos, BDPC's Vaccines for Children Manager. The meeting dates and locations for fourth quarter are listed below:

- Southeast Region, Chanute, October 11
- Northeast Region, Topeka, October 25
- South Central Region, Hutchinson, November 7
- Southwest Region, Garden City, November 14
- Northwest Region, Oakley, November 15
- North Central Region, Beloit, November 28

Registration for the third quarter meetings on KS-TRAIN, Course ID# 1079972. If you have ideas for regional meeting topics or questions regarding the meetings, please contact Teri Caudle at teri.caudle@ks.gov.

KDHE's EPHT and KSSP Track Carbon Monoxide Poisoning – New Reportable Disease Update

By Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, KDHE



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) recently updated regulations for the reporting of notifiable disease conditions (KAR 28-1-1 through 28-1-18) adding carbon monoxide poisoning to Kansas's list of reportable diseases. The updated regulations now require all mandatory reporters to report all carbon monoxide poisoning cases to KDHE. Due to the rapid implementation of the new regulations, physicians and hospitals had little time to adjust to the new reporting rule. KDHE's Environmental Public Health Tracking (EPHT) program has been using the Kansas Syndromic Surveillance (KSSP) data to identify potential cases of carbon monoxide poisoning that were not reported to KDHE and then educate providers on new reporting regulations. KSSP data is incredibly timely, but only receives approximately

80 percent of all emergency department visits across Kansas. KDHE's EPHT is confident that many more carbon monoxide poisoning events are going uncaptured and unreported.

An overview of mandatory disease reporting for health professionals in Kansas can be found at http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/disease_reporting.html

State Agencies Offer Guidance in Response to Increase in Questions about Bats and Rabies



The Kansas Departments of Health and Environment (KDHE) and Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) have had an increase in the number of calls recently from residents who have questions about bats in their homes. Experts from the State agencies encourage Kansans to be aware of the rabies risk associated with exposure to bats.

“Although only 3 percent of about 1,000 bats tested over the last five years were positive for rabies in Kansas, they remain an important cause of human rabies cases in the United States,” said Dr. Ingrid Garrison, State Public Health Veterinarian at KDHE. “Contact with bats is a concern because their teeth are so tiny that a bite may not

be felt or even leave a noticeable mark. That is why it is important to speak with someone who can evaluate your situation for potential exposure to rabies,” said Dr. Garrison.

Rabies is a fatal viral disease in mammals, including people. Infection with the rabies virus can occur from a bite by a rabid animal or when saliva from a rabid animal comes into contact with the eyes, inside the mouth, or a fresh, open wound. In Kansas, skunks are the animal that most commonly tests positive for rabies.

“We see an increase in bat activity, usually in July and August, as baby bats learn to fly,” said Samantha Pounds, an ecologist with KDWPT. “Of the more than 1,000 species of bats around the world, 15 have been found in Kansas. Bats play a vital role in the Kansas ecosystem by consuming millions of insects each year, including agricultural pests and mosquitoes. They can eat one-half of their body weight in insects each night. However, some bats may also be infected with rabies. We want people to be aware of bats, but not afraid of them,” said Pounds.

It is best to exclude bats from your home in the early spring or fall, when they are not roosting (giving birth and raising young). Young bats that are not able to fly can get trapped inside, which can lead to an upset mother bat or foul-smelling dead bat. Bats often enter homes through unsealed cracks, gaps or small holes, so filling in these entry points is one way to keep bats out of a home. Another method is to use an exclusion tube or small piece of mesh to create a one-way exit for bats living in an attic. Professional help to exclude or capture bats may be available in your area.

KDHE asks that you call your health care provider or local health department if you have had any contact with a bat or if a bat is found in the room of a sleeping person, unattended child, or anyone who is unable to tell you about the encounter. If possible, the bat should be captured safely and not released. Tips for safely capturing a bat can be found on the Bat Conservation International website at www.batcon.org. If the bat is not available for rabies testing, the person who was exposed to the bat should seek medical care and receive rabies prevention shots.

KDHE and KDWPT offer the following tips about bats and other animals regarding rabies for your safety:

- If you wake up in a room with a bat present, regardless if there is evidence of a bite or scratch, seek advice from your health care provider or local health department. If possible, trap the bat for testing. Do not release the bat.
- If bitten by any animal, seek medical attention and report the bite to your local health department or animal control department immediately.

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State Agencies Offer Guidance in Response to Increase in Questions about Bats and Rabies Cont.

- If your animal is bitten, contact your veterinarian for advice.
- Do not handle or feed wild animals. Never adopt wild animals or bring them into your home; it is both unsafe and illegal.
- Do not try to nurse sick or injured wild animals back to health. Call animal control or an animal rescue agency for assistance.
- Teach children to never handle unfamiliar animals, wild or domestic, even if they appear friendly.
- Have your veterinarian vaccinate all dogs, cats, ferrets, horses and valuable livestock (cattle and sheep) against rabies.

For more information on bats and rabies visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/bats/education/index.html>. For more information on excluding or removing of bats: <http://www.batcon.org/resources/for-specific-issues/bats-in-buildings/faq>.

A list of companies that are registered with the Kansas Nuisance Wildlife Damage Control Program (NADC Permit Holders) can be found on the KDWP&T website at <https://ksoutdoors.com/Services/Wildlife-Damage-Control> or by calling 620-672-5911. These companies may charge a fee for their services. For more information on rabies in Kansas: <https://keap.kdhe.state.ks.us/Ephtml/PortalPages/ContentData?CID=109>.

The Value of School Breakfast

by Robyn Stuewe, MA, RDN, LD, CHES and Jill Ladd, MPH, RD, LD, Midwest Dairy and Kansas State Department of Education



Across Kansas, students have headed back to school, and that means early mornings and rushing out the door. For some students, that might mean skipping breakfast, which can have a negative impact on their health. Research has shown breakfast is important for children's health, academic achievement, cognitive development and mental health. When a student skips breakfast, whether because of time or not having food available, they aren't just missing out on needed nourishment but so much more.

The Food Research & Action Center (FRAC) reports that efforts to increase breakfast participation pay off; school breakfast leads to reduced food insecurity, better test scores, improved student health and fewer distraction in the classroom. In the 2016-17 school year, nearly 110,000 Kansas students ate school breakfast each school day. Many schools across Kansas have taken breakfast out of the cafeteria and are using innovative service options to make breakfast more accessible to students. From serving breakfast in the classroom, to a grab-and-go option as students enter the building, to having a second-chance option where students can eat after first period, these innovations meet students where they are and increase participation, which is a win for the student and the school.

Kansas is working to increase the number of schools and districts offering innovative breakfast service options and received a \$50,000 grant from No Kid Hungry. Districts can apply for up to \$5,000 to purchase equipment, materials and support initiatives that facilitate innovative breakfast delivery this school year. Direct questions about the grant to jladd@ksde.org.

Want to learn more and how to promote school breakfast and advocate for innovative breakfast delivery models in your community? Visit:

- Your local school district and talk with the school nutrition director
- [National Dairy Council Value of School Meals Video Vignettes](#)
- [Kansas State Department of Education Child Nutrition and Wellness](#)
- [No Kid Hungry](#)
- [Food Research & Action Center \(FRAC\)](#)



Grassroots Organizing for Social Change Program – Deadline October 15

The Ben and Jerry's Foundation Grassroots Organizing for Social Change Program offers general or project support to non-profit organizations throughout the United States. While its broad goals are to further social and environmental justice and support sustainable and just food systems, it focuses on the types of activities and strategies an organization uses for creating social change rather than on the specific issues the organization is addressing. Proposals will only be considered from grassroots, constituent-led organizations that are using community-organizing and base-building strategies to accomplish their goals. For additional information about this funding opportunity, view the [Ben and Jerry's Foundation website](#).

Robert Wood Johnson Culture of Health Prize – Deadline November 1



The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Culture of Health Prize recognizes communities that have come together around a commitment to health, opportunity, and equity through collaboration and inclusion, especially with historically marginalized populations and those facing the greatest barriers to good health. The prize honors those communities that are working to give everyone the opportunity to live well, including residents who are often left behind. A Culture of Health recognizes that where we live—our access to affordable and stable homes, quality schools, reliable transportation—makes a difference in our opportunities to thrive, and ultimately all of this profoundly affects our health and well-being. The prize elevates the compelling stories of community members who are working together to transform neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and more—so that better health flourishes everywhere, for everyone. RWJF is seeking communities that **recognizes catalyze and sustain positive change**. Because the prize recognizes whole communities, applicants must think beyond their own individual organizations and initiatives to what has been accomplished across the

community. Applications will be judged based on the criteria below.

- Defining health in the broadest possible terms.
- Committing to sustainable systems changes and policy oriented long-term solutions.
- Creating conditions that give everyone a fair and just opportunity to reach their best possible health.
- Harnessing the collective power of leaders, partners, and community members.
- Securing and making the most of available resources.
- Measuring and sharing progress and results.

Through the RWJF Culture of Health Prize application process, a community comes together to tell their inspiring stories of collaboration, action, and results. Communities should understand they are applying for a prize and not a grant. The prize recognizes work that has already been accomplished so there is no required workplan or budget. To be competitive, it is imperative that prize applicants keep a community-wide focus in mind through all phases of the competition. Additional information about this opportunity is available [online](#).

Badge Scholarships are Now Available for Fall 2018!



Wichita State University's online Badge courses are designed for working professionals looking to increase their knowledge and gain new skills.

Apply and enroll in a badge course by **Friday, September 14, 2018** to be eligible for a scholarship that will pay all or part of the cost of a badge course. The scholarship opportunity is for the fall 2018 semester only.

What are Badges?

- Badges are online academic short courses of one credit hour or less designed for working, non-degree seeking professionals.
- Coursework is self-paced and competency based. Students must demonstrate their mastery of the course content in order to be awarded a Badge.
- Badges are graded pass/fail with students earning a grade of BG (Badge granted) or NBG (No badge granted).
- Badges become part of a student's permanent academic transcript. The grade earned cannot negatively affect a student's grade point average.
- Badges are a digital recognition of accomplishments that can be shared on social media and linked to a digital resume.
- Licensed professionals can submit badges to licensing agencies and boards for contact hours toward re-licensure.

Badges of particular interest to healthcare professionals include:

- Care of Populations: Public Health
- American Sign Language Specialized Interpreting
- Anatomy & Physiology of Lactation
- School Health: Disparities, Child Development, and Nutritional Needs of School-Aged Children
- *New - Medical Terminology
- Creative Interventions

For a complete listing of available courses visit: badges.wichita.edu/badgecatalog

Kansas Health Foundation Impact and Capacity Grants – Deadline September 17



The Kansas Health Foundation Impact and Capacity Grants Program funds

organizations doing innovative and meaningful work that fits within the foundation's mission to reduce health disparities by focusing on: access to care, tobacco use, physical activity, access to healthy food, civic engagement and educational attainment. Applicants may apply for funds under of the following grant programs:

Impact grants - projects such as:

- Policy and systems change
- Grassroots organizing
- Testing innovative or promising approaches
- Initiative planning
- Matching funds

Organizational capacity building grants - efforts to enhance:

- Leadership
- Management
- Funding or financial management
- Relationships and collaboration
- Communication and marketing
- Programs and services
- Program evaluation

Additional information on funding categories, criteria, and exclusions is available in the [application instructions](#).

2018 Kansas Prevention Conference – Sept. 19 – 20



Registration is now open for the 2018 Kansas Prevention

Conference. The

conference will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Topeka on September 19-20. Topics presented at the conference will include evidence-based strategies and emerging practices; coalition-building strategies; emerging drug and behavioral health trends; suicide prevention; alcohol, tobacco or marijuana abuse prevention; prescription drugs, stimulants, methamphetamine, or synthetic drug misuse prevention; connecting communities and collaborating with others; and more. [Register online](#) to attend.

Job Postings

Harper County Health Department

Full Time Attendant Care Provider

Harvey County Health Department

Community Health Nurse - RN

Hodgeman County Health Department

Health Department Staff Nurse (RN)

Marion County Health Department

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Child Care Surveyor

Safe Kids Coordinator

McPherson County Health Department

Receptionist/Clerk I

Registered Nurse – Public Health

Riley County Health Department

Public Health Nurse – Maternal and Infant Programs

Shawnee County Health Department

Registered Dietitian

Sedgwick County Health Department

WIC Registered Dietitian/Registered Nurse

WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor

General Clinic Medical Assistant

Immunization Clinic Nurse I

PT Van Driver

WSU Offers Behavioral Sciences Badges

The Wichita State University has announced that it will be offering badges for behavioral sciences professionals, such as social workers. Badges are academic short courses of 1 credit hour or less that are designed for working, non-degree seeking professionals. They are online and self-paced. Full scholarships are available for non-degree seeking students. Three examples of the types of badges being offered are listed below.

Mindfulness in Practice – This class will explore the use of mindfulness and compassion in practice. Participants will learn about the importance of using mindfulness and compassion for self-care as well as client care. The badge will explore mindfulness and compassion through the trinity of the mind, body and spirit and learn techniques and skills to incorporate into practice. For more information on this course and to enroll, [click here](#).

Professionalism in Practice – This course focuses on professionalism within the helping professions, with particular attention to the National Association of Social Workers' Code of Ethics. Students will discuss ethical responsibilities and challenges which may exist within multilevel practice arenas, with particular attention to documentation, confidentiality, and technology. Specific practice issues with various types of helping will be examined. For more information, [click here](#).

Trauma Informed Care – This course will cover the core principals of trauma informed care (individual, family, and community) and will review the identification of trauma and symptoms of adverse childhood experiences. This course will also address secondary trauma exposure and the necessity of clinician self-care. This review will reflect the core areas of cultural competency, empowerment, and social justice and will provide opportunities for applying theories and critical thinking. Ethics, knowledge of self, and development of practice skills for human service fields (medical, social work, substance abuse, education, and criminal justice) will be emphasized. For more information, [click here](#).

KGMS FSR and Progress Report Trainings

Trainings will be held throughout the state on the new Kansas Grant Management System (KGMS). The trainings will focus on FSRs (financial status reports) and Progress Reports. Register on KansasTRAIN, Course ID# 1078786 for one of the trainings listed below.

Topeka, September 6, 1 p.m.

Chanute, September 10, 9 a.m.

Wichita, September 11, 9 a.m.

Hutchinson, September 12, 9 a.m.

Garden City, September 18, 9 a.m.

Oakley, September 19, 9 a.m.

Beloit, September 20, 1:30 p.m.

Contact Karen Kelley with any questions about these training opportunities at Karen.Kelley@ks.gov or 785-296-0425.

Webinar – Ensuring Healthy Pregnancy Outcomes for Rural Populations – September 7

Join this webinar on September 7 at 1 p.m. to learn more about ensuring healthy pregnancy outcomes for rural populations. The goal of the webinar is to enhance the ability of healthcare providers in rural settings to meet their patients' prenatal, pregnancy, and maternity care needs. By the end of this presentation session, which will combine lecture, a case study, and a Q&A period, participants will be able to:

- Describe the accessibility of prenatal and maternity care in rural areas
- List unique barriers to accessing prenatal and maternity care in rural areas
- Identify how barriers to accessing prenatal and obstetric care impact maternal health and birth outcomes
- Discuss innovative strategies for providing prenatal and maternity care in rural areas
- Incorporate rural patient preferences and priorities into shared decision making for postpartum contraception

Register for the webinar [online](#).

Register for the Kansas Opioid Conference – November 15

Registration is now open for the 2nd Annual Kansas Opioid Conference, which will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Nov. 15, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center, in Topeka. The conference will provide local, state and national perspectives on the opioid crisis and initiatives to provide a comprehensive approach to the opioid crisis in Kansas. The conference agenda is available [online](#). Register [online](#).

2018 Breastfeeding Conference – Nov. 1 – 2



Registration for the 2018 Breastfeeding Conference will open on Sept. 1, but you can mark your calendar now to attend on Nov. 1 - 2. The conference will be held at the Metropolitan Complex in Wichita. The first day of the conference will focus on building the capacity of local breastfeeding coalitions to successfully create communities supporting breastfeeding. Registration for the first day of the conference is free and will include a 2019 Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition membership. On the second day of the conference will focus on “hot topics” in lactation to provide clinical skills and breastfeeding knowledge for healthcare professionals and others who serve families. The registration for the second day is anticipated to be approximately \$110 and will include continuing education credits for RNs, IBCLCs and CLCs. Keynote presenters for the conference will include Laurel Wilson on the potential impact of cannabis use during pregnancy and lactation, as well as Dr. Kathy Leeper on tongue and lip tie.

2018 Kansas Public Health Association Annual Conference – October 2-3

The Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) invites you to join them at the Hyatt Regency Wichita on October 2-3 for the 2018 KPHA Annual Conference. The conference sessions will focus on many public health issues important to Kansas, including the conference theme, “KPHA 2018, 75 Years Strong, Creating the Future of Kansas Public Health”. Keynote speakers will include Dr. Joseph Telfair, President of the American Public Health Association, on public health as an influencer through collaboration; Paul Kuehnert, Associate Vice President of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, will present on the social determinants of health; Brian Castrucci, Chief Executive Officer of the de Beaumont Foundation, will focus on strategic moves to address public health workforce needs; and Dr. David K. Jones, Associate Professor at Boston University School of Public Health, will present on the future of health reform. In addition to traditional breakout sessions, the conference will also include Sunflower Spotlight presentations on Public Health 3.0’s critical dimensions: strong leadership and workforce; strategic partnerships; timely and locally relevant data, metrics and analytics; flexible, sustainable funding; and foundational infrastructure. These presentations will feature four 12 minute presentations during a 60 minute breakout session. For additional information about the conference and to register, view the [Wichita State University’s Workforce, Professional and Community Education KPHA Conference webpage](#). The conference brochure is available [online](#).

Upcoming Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds – September 10 and October 10



The Kansas Public Health Grand Rounds (KS PHGR) is a webcast series featuring public health practitioners and researchers from across the state and region. The purpose of the KS PHGR is to provide a platform to explore ongoing and emerging issues facing our public health system.

All sessions will be hosted by the University of Kansas Master of Public Health (KU-MPH) program and will be broadcast via Adobe Connect from the KUMC campus. Sessions are free to attend either in person or online, and will last approximately 50 to 60 minutes. Registration may be completed through the KU-MPH website at: <http://www.kumc.edu/school-of-medicine/mph/kansas-public-health-grand-rounds.html>. Any handouts and session recordings will be located on the same website.

Please join the upcoming KS PHGR sessions:

- Suicide in Kansas: Gathering the Data and Implementing Local Prevention Programs (Monday, Sept.10, at 1 p.m.)
- Sick and Segregated in Kansas City (Wednesday, Oct. 10, at noon)

If you are interested in presenting or would like to suggest a speaker or topic, please complete the Prospective Speaker Form available via the above website.



The Other Side of the Mental Health Coin: Recognizing & Responding to Anxiety & Depression – October 5

Join Stormont Vail Health on Oct. 5, 8:30 a.m. – 4 :30 p.m., for their 2018 Diagnosis & Treatment Workshop, The Other Side of the Mental Health Coin: Recognizing & Responding to Anxiety & Depression. The workshop will be held at the Pozez Education Center in Topeka at the Stormont Vail Hospital. Speakers for the workshop include Dr. Abby Callis from the Family Service & Guidance Center’s Anxiety Treatment Program, and Dr. Stephen Ilardi from the University of Kansas. For additional information and to register for the event, visit the Stormont Vail Cloud CME [website](#).

Vision & Hearing Screening Training Opportunities

The Kansas University (KU) Medical Center Area Health Education Center invites you to take part in their upcoming hearing and vision screening certification trainings. Slots fill up quickly, so reserve your spot now by registering online at www.kumc.edu/AHECcalendar! For more information visit the [Hearing/Vision Screening Page](#) website or contact the KU Medical Center Area Health Education Center at 620-235-4040.

September 13-14	Hearing Screening Certification Class – Level 1
Lawrence	<p>Location: Lawrence Public Schools, Educational Service & Distribution Center, Multipurpose Room, 110 McDonald Drive, Lawrence</p> <p>Workshop: Day 1 – 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Day 2 – 7:35 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (estimated)</p> <p>Cost: \$125 – Initial Training; \$100 – Renewal. Must be postmarked by Sept. 6; a \$10 late fee will be applied to all registrations after this date.</p> <p>Cancellation deadline – Sept. 10</p> <p>Click here to download the flyer and registration form. Click here to register online.</p>
September 21	Vision Screening
Emporia	<p>Location: Emporia State University, Visser Hall, Room 110, Emporia</p> <p>Workshop: 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Cost: \$75 Must be postmarked by Sept.14; a \$10 late fee will be applied to all registrations after this date.</p> <p>Cancellation deadline – Sept. 18</p>
September 28	Vision Screening
Salina	<p>Location: Salina Regional Health Center, Classroom #3, 400 S. Santa Fe Ave., Salina</p> <p>Workshop: 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Cost: \$75 Must be postmarked by Sept.19; a \$10 late fee will be applied to all registrations after this date.</p> <p>Cancellation deadline – Sept. 25</p> <p>Click here to download the flyer and registration form. Click here to register online.</p>
October 8-9	Hearing Screening Certification Class – Level 2
Lawrence	<p>Location: Lawrence Public Schools, Educational Service & Distribution Center, Multipurpose Room, 110 McDonald Drive, Lawrence</p> <p>Workshop: Day 1 – 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Day 2 – 8:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (estimated)</p> <p>Cost: \$125 – Initial Training; \$100 – Renewal. Must be postmarked by Oct.1; a \$10 late fee will be applied to all registrations after this date.</p> <p>Cancellation deadline – Oct. 4</p> <p>Click here to download the flyer and registration form. Click here to register online.</p>
October 22-23	Hearing Screening Certification Class – Level 1
Lawrence	<p>Location: Lawrence Public Schools, Educational Service & Distribution Center, Multipurpose Room, 110 McDonald Drive, Lawrence</p> <p>Workshop: Day 1 – 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Day 2 – 8:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. (estimated)</p> <p>Cost: \$125 – Initial Training; \$100 – Renewal. Must be postmarked by Oct.15; a \$10 late fee will be applied to all registrations after this date.</p> <p>Cancellation deadline – Oct. 17</p> <p>Click here to download the flyer and registration form. Click here to register online.</p>
November 15-16	Hearing Screening Certification Class – Level 2
Lawrence	<p>Location: Lawrence Public Schools, Educational Service & Distribution Center, Multipurpose Room, 110 McDonald Drive, Lawrence</p> <p>Workshop: Day 1 – 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Day 2 – 8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m. (estimated)</p> <p>Cost: \$125 – Initial Training; \$100 – Renewal. Must be postmarked by Nov. 8; a \$10 late fee will be applied to all registrations after this date.</p> <p>Cancellation deadline – Nov. 12</p> <p>Click here to download the flyer and registration form. Click here to register online.</p>

Opioid Conference

*Building a collaborative response
to the crisis in Kansas*

November 15th, 2018

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Capitol Plaza Hotel

Topeka, KS



Prescribing

CME & CNE on best practices,
strategies, and resources for
opioid prescribing and
pain management



Treatment & Recovery

Current projects in Kansas,
best practices, treatment
options, referrals, and
recovery support



Prevention

Prescription drug and opioid
misuse related prevention
strategies for
your community



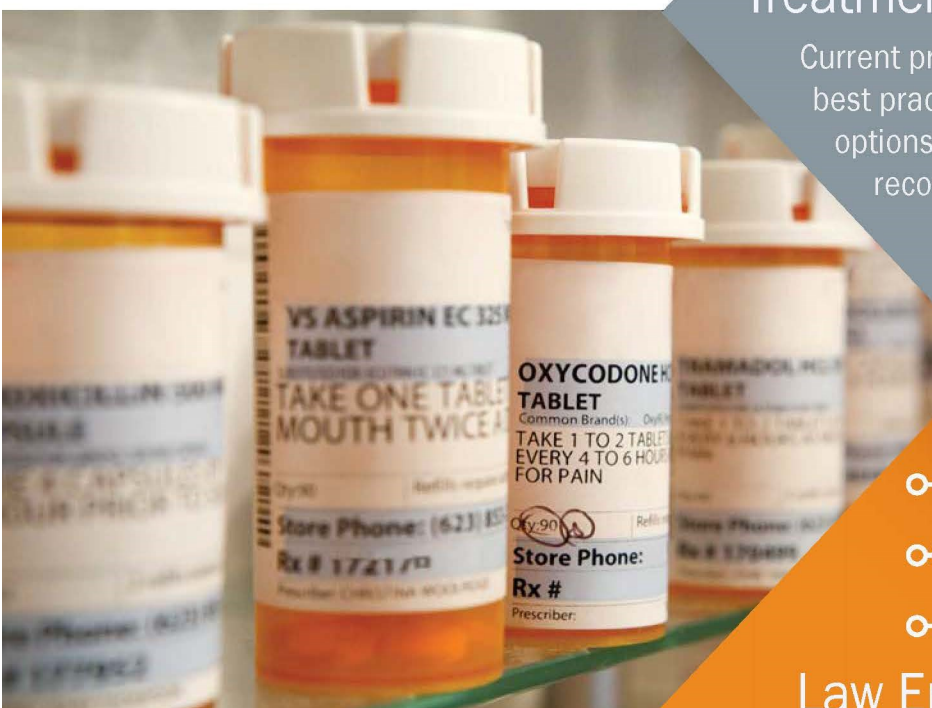
Law Enforcement

Drug trends, categories
impairment recognition,
and Naloxone resources



Clinical Intervention

Strategies and support tools to
prevent and treat opioid use
disorder in the
clinical setting



For more information and
to register visit www.DCCCA.org



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National Credit Union Foundation Publishes Brief on Improving Financial Health to Improve Physical Health

The National Credit Union Foundation published a [brief](#), *Health and Financial Well-being: Two Good Things that Go Better Together*. It provides strategies for building effective partnerships, and examples where credit unions, health systems and other community partners are working together to improve health and financial well-being outcomes for individuals and families in need.

CDC Offers Interactive Vaccine Guide

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has offered an [interactive guide](#) to help families find information about recommended vaccines from birth through adulthood, including pregnancy. The interactive guide is an opportunity for families to learn about vaccines and vaccine-preventable diseases like whooping cough, flu, and HPV cancers.

For Addicted Women, the Year After Childbirth is the Deadliest

Katie Raftery was in a Massachusetts prison for drug-related crimes when she found out she was pregnant with her second child. A longtime heroin user, she was released to a residential drug treatment program where she stayed for seven months, until her baby was born. She got through pregnancy and drug treatment without a hitch and delivered a healthy baby boy with no complications. But at exactly six weeks after childbirth, Raftery said she started feeling lonely, empty and disengaged. The feelings were familiar: She had gone through the same period of sadness after her first child was born, and had ended up back on heroin. Sleep deprivation, dramatic hormonal shifts and the day-to-day realities of caring for an infant create enormous stress for all women, but especially for those who are struggling to stay in recovery from drug use. And yet most medical protocols and social safety net programs are set up to shift attention away from the mother after delivery and [focus exclusively on the new baby](#).

Vaping ‘Can Damage Vital Immune Systems Cells’

Researchers [found e-cigarette vapor](#) disabled important immune cells in the lung and boosted inflammation. The researchers “caution against the widely held opinion that e-cigarettes are safe”.

AHRQ Releases New Opioid Management Toolkit for Primary Care Providers

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has released a new toolkit to support a structured, team-based approach to improving the management of patients who take opioids to ease chronic pain. The majority of patients taking opioids for chronic pain are managed by primary care providers and their staff. The [Six Building Blocks](#) toolkit supports improvement in six areas: leadership and consensus; policies, patient agreements and workflows; tracking and monitoring patient care; planned, patient-centered visits; caring for complex patients; and measuring success. The website was developed as part of a collaboration among AHRQ, the Washington State Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The toolkit can be accessed through [this link](#).

Rates of Three STDs Reach Record High Nationwide

Rates of syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia have climbed for the fourth consecutive year in the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently announced at the National STD Prevention Conference in Washington. Last year, nearly 2.3 million US cases of these sexually transmitted diseases were diagnosed, according to preliminary data. That’s the highest number ever reported nationwide, breaking the record set in 2016 by more than 200,000 cases, [according to the CDC](#).

AAP Updates Recommendations Regarding Returning to School After Strep

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recently came out with new recommendations for returning to school after being diagnosed with strep throat. The new recommendation states that a child “should not return to school or child care until well appearing and at least 12 hours after beginning appropriate antimicrobial therapy.”